

**CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
December 23, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chairman Walker called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL OF ROLL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The County Clerk called the roll; present were Chairman Kenneth Walker, Commissioner Kerry Watson, Commissioner Garry Marchman and County Attorney Heath Meherg. The invocation was given by Doug Davenport. Matt Kinsland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING; APPROVE APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES, REQUISITIONS AND ALL JOURNAL ENTRIES TO BE POSTED.**

Commissioner Watson made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014 Commission Meeting; approve appropriations, expenditures, payroll, requisitions and all journal entries to be posted. Commissioner Marchman seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorize the Chairman to sign the NARCOG Title III Aging Contract for FY-2015**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the NARCOG Title III Aging Contract for FY-2015. Commissioner Watson seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Authorize payment to the ACCA Liability Self-Insurance Fund, Inc. for 2015 premium - \$428,879**

Gary Teichmiller, County Administrator, stated this is the annual renewal of the liability insurance. The premium is \$420 lower than last year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize payment for the liability insurance to the ACCA. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize payment to Smith-Gray Insurance Agency for Boiler and Machinery insurance policy with Travelers Insurance - \$5,988**

Gary Teichmiller stated the boiler and machinery insurance was included in the over-all policy last year, but has now been separated into an individual policy. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the payment to Smith-Gray Insurance Agency for boiler and machinery insurance policy with Travelers Insurance totaling \$5,988. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 2015-11 – Hazardous Mitigation Grant for Community Safe Rooms located at Brushy Pond Community Center, Colony Community Center, Crane Hill Community Center, and Cullman County Senior Center**

Matt Kinsland from the Economic Development Office stated Powe Contracting, a local company, was the low bidder for the project with a bid of \$355,981.34. The bid came in approximately \$116,000 below estimate. CDG Engineering, who will be overseeing the project, has recommended awarding the bid. Work is to begin within ninety days. Unlike other storm shelters in the county, these will be fabricated onsite. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve the resolution for the storm shelters. Commissioner Watson seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider signing a lease for mail postage machine with Pitney Bowes**

Heath Meherg, County Attorney, stated the postage machine lease is from the State Bid List. It is a 36 month lease at \$857/month. There is a non-appropriation clause which would allow the County to cancel the lease should there not be funding provided. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the signing of a lease for the mail postage machine with Pitney Bowes. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a lease agreement with the Alabama Forestry Commission**

Attorney Meherg stated the County currently has two (2) leases with the Forestry Service; one for the office space and one for the building. One lease has expired. The new lease will combine the two leases into one ten-year lease with an option for an additional ten years. There will be no rent paid but a fair market value of \$19,000 rent is assigned, which will be in-kind. The Forestry Commission will provide insurance with the County assigned the proceeds should the building not be rebuilt if destroyed. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement with the Alabama Forestry Commission. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize the County Attorney to revise the long term camping rules and regulations for Smith Lake Park**

Doug Davenport, Park Director, stated some of the rules currently in place are vague and need revision. Mr. Meherg stated some residents have made the park their primary residence including the installation of permanent structures. The County needs the ability to get residents who do not comply with the park rules out of the park. There also needs to be the ability to collect outstanding fees and have violations corrected before someone is allowed to return to the park and rent space. Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to revise the long term camping rules and regulations for Smith Lake Park. These will be reviewed by the commission before they are implemented. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Chairman to appoint Tanya Carter to the Airport Board to fill the unexpired term of Rex Smith for a term to expire January 2017**

Commissioner Watson made a motion for the Chairman's appointment of Tanya Carter to the Airport Board to fill the unexpired term of Rex Smith for a term to expire January 2017. Commissioner Marchman seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

**Consider a request from Brushy Pond Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to approve a request from Brushy Pond Community Center for \$500 for polling maintenance and operational support. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Authorize payment to ALDOT for County Road 1114, ACNU61272-ATRP(008) ATRIP 22-05-24, in the amount of \$203,612**

Jon Brunner, County Engineer, stated Good Hope Contracting was the low bidder for the paving of County Road 1114. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to authorize the payment to ALDOT for County Road 1114, ACNU61272-ATRP(008) ATRIP 22-05-24, in the amount of \$203,612. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Consider the purchase of 10.12 acres adjacent to the OHV Park from Craig McDugald - Cost \$11,132**

Doug Davenport stated the County has obtained an appraisal and survey of the ten acres on the back side of the OHV Park. The appraisal is \$14,000 with a purchase price of \$11,132. Commissioner Marchman made a motion to table any action. Commissioner Watson seconded. The motion was tabled on a voice vote.

**Consider authorizing December 24, 2014 as a paid holiday for all county employees**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to authorize December 24, 2014 as a paid holiday for all county employees. Commissioner Marchman seconded and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Walker announced there will be a Special Called Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 8:30 to consider the hiring of a director for the Cullman County Commission on Aging.

**WORK SESSION**

The Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 13, 2014**

Chairman Walker announced the next commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

Commissioner Marchman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth Walker,  
Chairman

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kerry Watson,  
Associate Commissioner

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Garry Marchman,  
Associate Commissioner